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FOR AF/W - THOMAS SMITH AND PEACE CORPS - HANDWERGER AND
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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS ADMINISTRATION - SECURITY OF AMERICAN
PERSONNEL

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1. AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED BY MORIBO SISSOKO, DIRECTOR OF CABINET
OF THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ON JUNE 30 TO BE GIVEN
RESPONSE TO APPROACH OF A WEEK EARLIER CONCERNING SITUATION AT
PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS (REFTEL). SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MINIS-
TER SORY COULIBALY, WHO HAD BEEN CALLED OUT OF TOWN, SISSOKO SAID
MINISTER HAD MADE DETAILED INQUIRIES INTO PROBLEM AS HE HAD PRO-
MISED AND HAD ASKED SISSOKO TO STRESS MALIAN GOVERNMENT'S
SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM AND ITS DESIRE TO COOPERATE
ON IT.

2. CONVERSATION WENT ON FOR SOME TIME, BUT FOLLOWING ARE MAIN
POINTS AS THEY DEVELOPED DURING EXCHANGE:

3. SISSOKO SAID ACTION REGARDING AMADOU KEITA WAS STRICTLY THE
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AFFAIR OF THE US GOVERNMENT SINCE MALI HAD HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER
TO DO WITH HIS RECRUITMENT AND HIRING AND BECAUSE PEACE
CORPS WAS A "NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION" OPERATING UNDER A
BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THUS NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE
MINISTRY OF LABOR.

4. SO FAR AS THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL WAS CONCERNED,

SISSOKO COULD ASSURE US
THAT AS A RESULT OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE SECURITY SERVICES HAD TAKEN THE
NECESSARY MEASURES TO SEE THAT NO HARM WOULD COME TO ANY AMERICAN
PERSONNEL. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS HE SAID THE MALIAN
GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING ITS "GUARANTEE," EVEN THOUGH THE SECURITY
MEASURES MIGHT NOT BE VISIBLE.

5. THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ASSIST IN FINDING A REPLACEMENT
FOR AMADOU KEITA, IF HE WERE TERMINATED, BY THE PROVISION OF
FILES ON CANDIDATES WHO COULD BE "MADE AVAILABLE" FOR A FIXED
PERIOD (NOT "SECONDED" BECAUSE OF CERTAIN LEGALITIES.) SUCH
ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UPON RECEIPT OF AN OFFICIAL RE-
QUEST BY LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PEACE/CORPS/MALI TO THE
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. AMBASSADOR ACCEPTED THE ASSURANCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET
AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS ASSISTANCE. BOTH AGREED THAT A POSITIVE
EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AT PEACE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS AND TO IMPROVE US-MALIAN COOPERATION ON THE PROGRAM.

7. AMADOU KEITA CAME TO EMBASSY JUNE 30, AS REQUESTED, AND WAS
TOLD BY ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR DUPRAS THAT HIS EMPLOYMENT
WITH THE PEACE CORPS WAS TERMINATED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. PCD
SCHAFFER FROM SENEGAL, APCD DRABO FROM UPPER VOLTA, DCM, AND
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WERE PRESENT. KEITA REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE
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THE AUTHORITY OF DUPRAS, THE DCM, OR THE AMBASSADOR IN ANY ASPECT
OF PEACE CORPS OPERATIONS IN MALI, CLAIMING THAT HE WOULD DEAL
ONLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI. KEITA SPOKE EMOTIONALLY AND
OFTEN IRRATIONALLY FOR THE BETTER PART OF ONE HOUR AND A HALF.
HE REFUSED TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION (OFFERED IN
RECOGNITION OF PAST SERVICES) AND THEN REFUSED TO ACCEPT FORMAL
NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT (DS-1032). KEITA AGREED TO
ACCEPT THE DS-1032 THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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